

Column One
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DEMOCRATISATIONS and **arrests** are common enough in the Arab capitals. The fact that they are continuing in Cairo and Damascus long after the all-clear signal has been given is therefore not surprising. But it suggests that the Nasser-Nagib reconciliation was not enough to restore public confidence or to re-establish the Revolutionary Council's authority, and that the change of Government in Damascus was not enough. In Cairo the struggle seems to have become one between the Council and the traditional political groups, including the Moslem Brotherhood; and the issue may go against the Council, whose decision to resign after very long and to return effective power to Parliament indicates that political and especially Moslem Brotherhood pressure is getting too strong for Colonel Nasser and his military colleagues.

That would be all very well if Parliament were the democratic institution it is supposed to be. But civilian Parliamentary government in Egypt is likely to be just as autocratic as the military Revolutionary Council and much less efficient. In any event, and in the present mood of both the Council and the political groups outside, it would be foolish to predict a substantial improvement in Egypt's internal or external relationships. It is true that Arab Governments are capable of changing their basic policies overnight and of embracing today what they hated yesterday. But on the only evidence available it is a fair guess that the main international question in which Egypt is directly interested — Britain's bases in the Suez Canal Zone — will go unsettled for a long time to come.

It is a guess that needs qualification. Arab ambitions may set us all revising our Middle East calculations. They may even compel Egypt to come to terms with Britain and the United States if only as a means of keeping her dominant position among the Arab states. Iraq has lately moved up in the world, at least economically; and evidently hopes to move up politically as well. It is not a fair guess that the main international question in which Egypt is directly interested — Britain's bases in the Suez Canal Zone — will go unsettled for a long time to come.

It seems plain enough that Mr. Dulles is playing around with the idea of the Arab States, or some of them, in a Western-sponsored alliance through the bank door, which in this case is Iraq and which opens to half-empty lands that rise to the boundaries of the Soviet Union. Encouraged by Washington's obvious delight taken by Karachi in its new treaty, Iraq has felt itself strong enough to conspire against Shishakly to overthrow the President of Syria under its domination. If the plan succeeds, Baghdad will then openly ally itself with the Arab League as it now is and will either ignore it or try to displace Cairo as its main constituent. The situation is agreeable to one diplomat with a taste for political chess; and if it works out finally to the solution indicated by the present trends, Mr. Dulles and the State Department will have been responsible for something as near to a diplomatic masterpiece as is possible in the feeble and politically unsteady Middle East.

It is probably a little difficult for Britain to make up her mind at this moment whether to support Fadel el-Jamali's efforts or not. When it was first proposed that Iraq should join a Turkey-Pakistan alliance the idea was frowned upon in Whitehall. It can be shown that Iraq is in a position to bring in Syria and perhaps some others, or that the support of the Powers for Fadel el-Jamali's plans can have a softening effect upon Egypt, the British Government may think it worth while to share its influence over Baghdad with the Americans and to devise a Middle East defence system starting from the Nile. All these various questions, posed acutely by the signing of the pact between Ankara and Karachi, have become even more acute as a result of the recent events in Cairo and Damascus.

Jerusalem, March 8.
Formosa Objects To Geneva Conference
TAIPEH, Sunday (Reuters). — Nationalist China's National Assembly today sent a message to all members of the United Nations expressing "the strongest objection" to the conference in Geneva next month on Far East affairs.
The message sent through Formosa's chief U.N. delegate, Dr. T.F. Yeh, also denounced in advance any decision on China taken by the conference.

Each Dunam Gives Much More Citrus This Season

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — A considerable increase in the citrus yield from 12 cases a dunam last year to 32 per dunam this year — was reported here today by Mr. Zvi Isakov, of the Farmers' Federation. He was addressing a meeting of Tel Aviv area citrus growers, held at the new Farmers' House near Haifa.
The overall yield this year would amount to 10.5 million cases as against eight million last year. Preliminary estimates last August had anticipated an 11 million case yield, but excessive rains, strong winds, storms and hail had reduced this by half-a-million cases.
Mr. Isakov was pleased to note a reduction in marketing costs abroad; the sales delegation had managed to reduce marine transport costs from \$5.74 a case to \$5.10, and thus saving \$100,000 on shipments to Britain, and another \$175,000 to other European countries. Handling costs abroad had also been reduced.

Spanish Crop Failure
Israel had benefited by a reduction in the Spanish crop seriously affected by bad weather. Spain was due to have shipped 14 million tons of wheat and durum wheat, but the cold spell set in, and it was doubtful if more than half-a-million more tons would be shipped from there, Mr. Isakov said.
Citrus growers were also helped this year by the new exchange rate of IL1.80 to the dollar, which was expected to be maintained.

Turning to the "negative" aspect of citrus growing, Mr. Isakov referred to the higher local costs, including higher wages and increased road and rail transport costs, which together were some 30% higher than last year.

The speaker regretted the decline in local sales which had started last year and had continued during this year, with the decline in purchasing power.
Last year, a total of 45,000 tons were sold locally, while only 22,000 tons had been sold so far this year, with a foreseeable total of only 32,000 tons. Citrus exports were expected to reach 10 million tons this year, as against 8.5 million tons a year ago.
Higher Expenses
Summing up, Mr. Isakov stated that the higher local expenses were more than offset by lower export prices, so that the financial return per dunam would be higher this year. But it should not be forgotten, he said, that the growers had to return IL30 a dunam to the Treasury on account of credits. This year's income per case f.o.b. Haifa amounted to 20 shillings as against 18 shillings last year.

The higher income per dunam would doubtless encourage growers to increase their output, the speaker thought. If the Treasury were to reduce income tax on citrus growing, as was done in Sweden with the shipbuilding industry to encourage output, citrus growers would be more likely to develop their groves to the maximum.
He hoped that new plantings would increase the total area under citrus to 300,000 or 400,000 dunams, with a total output of 30 million cases of which 20 to 25 million could be exported.

Puerto Rico Arrests Communist Leaders

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sunday (UP). — The Government cracked down on the Communist Party today, and in a series of swift raids arrested the island's top party leaders.
The arrests followed by 26 hours of Saturday's round-up of 26 Nationalists, including Nationalist Party President Pedro Albizu Campos.
Albizu and several aides had to be taken to a hospital after a two-hour struggle of gunfire with police and national guard troops.

Cabinet Appoints Team to Raise Population's Productive Ratio

The Cabinet spent yesterday's session on ordinary business; a State Bank Bill, a Bill ratifying Israel's entry into the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, and a productivity committee were discussed.
The State Bank Bill was passed to the Economic Ministers' Committee. The Jerusalem Post learned. Authoritative sources suggest that the Bill will be discussed in Committee for two or three weeks, and then be returned to the Government for tabling in the Knesset.
The Bank Leumi, which is at present fulfilling some of the functions of a State Bank, requires two months' notification of the Government's termination of its contract.
The Bill ratifying Israel's signature of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Conventions was approved. Israel was accepted by a large majority into these international institutions a few months ago, over strong Arab opposition.
A Committee headed by the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Zalman Aranne, was appointed to investigate methods of increasing the "productive element of the working population." The Committee will invite various trade and labour organizations to report on the division of labour in their fields and to suggest how

Nationalists Press For Elections in Vietnam

SAIGON, Sunday (Reuters). — Vietnamese nationalist groups will take "all possible action" to force the Emperor Bao Dai to sign a decree for elections, an official nationalist spokesman said here tonight.
Nationalists supported by private armies of the Cao Dai and Hoa Hao religious sects, estimated to number 40,000 men, stated that they were weary of vain promises of a national assembly, which they want to use to control Bao Dai's personal power.

Representatives of two religious sects and the third nationalist element, the Buddhist political party, told a press conference here that they had never threatened Bao Dai or presented him with an ultimatum. But they had asked him to sign a decree before his departure next week for France ordering general elections.

A spokesman, in the presence of General Nguyen Thanh Phung, Commander-in-Chief of the Cao Dai army, said at the press conference that Bao Dai had refused the request.
The Nationalists pointed out that the war against the Vietnamese was not being won because the present Government had failed to grasp the enthusiasm of the Vietnamese.

Special Precautions
Vietnamese Acting Prime Minister Dinh Quang announced here today that since the middle of January he had taken special precautions against a possible coup d'etat.
He denied that the dispute between Bao Dai and the three nationalist groups might lead to bloodshed. "There is no danger of a coup d'etat," he said, "and no special precautions are taken."

Authoritative Vietnamese sources stated that some French officials in southern Vietnam had been deliberately snubbed by the nationalist groups. The political rift to weaken the hand of Prime Minister Prince Bao Dai, who opens talks on the granting of independence, with France in Paris tomorrow.

These sources stressed, however, that this was not the official policy of French Commissioner-General Maurice Dejean, who, he added, discouraged such tactics.

French, Cambodians 'Fairly Friendly'

PNOM-PENH, CAMBODIA, Sunday (UP). — King Norodom Sihanouk announced today that relations between Cambodia and France have returned to normal and even are "fairly friendly."
Yesterday, the King signed a decree threatening death to those who give active help to the Communist forces in the border areas with hard labour for spreading "alarmist, subversive rumors or possessing concealed weapons," the decree said.

He was self-styled "General Tanganyika," the commander of one of "China's" Mau Mau battalions in the Mount Kenya region, and one of the most ruthless leaders there. He submitted to Kikuyu home guards in a hut in the south Nyeri reserve last night.
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Mau Mau 'General' Surrenders to Gov't

NAIROBI, Sunday (Reuters). — A Mau Mau "general" gave himself up to the Kenya Government this week-end as a result of the capture of Mau Mau leaders in the Mount Kenya region, and one of the most ruthless leaders there. He submitted to Kikuyu home guards in a hut in the south Nyeri reserve last night.
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Vietminh Maintains Attack on Airfields

HANOI, Sunday (UP). — Vietnamese commandos attacked airfields in the suburbs of Hanoi, phoned by American Air Force technicians are stationed, and a state of emergency has been declared in the area, French authorities announced tonight.
Details of the foray were not disclosed, but the boom of heavy artillery and the rattle of machine-guns were clearly audible in the China Sea port where all U.S.-supplied war materials for northern Indochina are unloaded.

A French Command spokesman said that Hanoi was under a state of emergency since last night and that this morning, security measures "had to be reinforced."
Troop reinforcements were rushed to Catbi and Doan airfields and low-flying fighter jets were sent to patrol the area, which is about 30 km. east of Hanoi.

Hoover in London For Iran Oil Talks
LONDON, Sunday (Reuters). — Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Jr., U.S. Department of State, arrived in London today for talks here with the eight major oil companies which are preparing negotiations with Iran to reopen her oil industry.

He will also confer with Mr. Denis Wright, British Embassy Counselor in Tehran, who was recalled to London last week. Principals of the oil companies who will make up the international consortium that the London talks are designed to establish were reported today to be on the way here by air. The consortium will market Persian oil after the dispute has been settled.

Representatives of oil companies have been meeting here for several weeks considering the percentage of Persian oil to be marketed by the various consortiums.

A mission representing the consortium is expected to leave for Tehran in the next 10 days, and may be accompanied by Mr. Hoover.

US Grants Iran \$6M.

TEHRAN, Sunday (Reuters). — The U.S. Government has granted Iran an additional \$6 million to help the country until its revenue from the oil agreement is received, a spokesman of the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.
The U.S. granted Iran \$45 million September after the Mosaddegh regime was overthrown.

Templar Talks to Resume 'When Both Sides Agree'

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Dr. Gershon Meron, now on loan to the Foreign Ministry from the Delek Corporation, of which he is Chairman, and Mr. Eli Nathan, Deputy Legal Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, returned by Lal today from Rome, where they had been negotiating with the West German Government on compensation for former Templar property in Israel.

Dr. Meron, who was formerly Director of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Division, said that the talks, broken off at the end of last year, would be resumed "only when both sides agree."

So far the discussions had revolved around the type and extent of Templar property here, and points of law arising out of the departure of the German Templars from Israel to Austria.

Details of Pact With Italy

Details of the Israel-Italy trade agreement, signed last week in Rome, were released in Jerusalem last night. The "clearing" agreement, which goes into effect on April 1, sets a ceiling of \$400,000 (the limit to which one party may import over the sum the second party has imported), for goods and services (transport, ship repair, and air and sea travel).

Israel's list of exports (totaling \$3.4m.) includes agricultural products (bananas, eggs, peanuts), phosphates, cement, essential oils, refrigerators, irrigation equipment, metal products (hand pumps, laundry machines, watches, razor blades, pen components), textile products, artificial teeth, dentists' drills, handicrafts.

E. Germany Seen Getting Greater Independence

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuters). — Russian refusal to attend four-power High Commission talks may foreshadow the granting of "independence and sovereignty" to East Germany, West Berlin politicians said today.
The Soviet High Commissioner, Mr. Vladimir Semenov, last night rejected an invitation to talk with his Western colleagues as a means to reduce the effect of the Berlin division. West Berlin sources said that the Soviet Union was now expected to dissolve its High Commission in Germany and declare East Germany "an independent state with full sovereignty."

Border Policeman Wounded in Attack

A border policeman was severely wounded, two horses were killed and two wounded at 10 a.m. yesterday when a border police station in the village of Baka, in the Baka district, was fired on from across the border. The Army spokesman has announced.

An immediate on-the-spot investigation and an emergency meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission, have been demanded.

Several shots were fired at a Ruhama shepherd tending a flock of sheep some 800 metres from the village, on Saturday. It is reported from Beerseba. The man, Yosef Poliak, was unharmed, and ran to warn his comrades. Tracks were followed towards a neighbouring valley. The shots are believed to have been fired by marauders from Jordan.

MARAUDER KILLED

In the week ending March 4, there were nine clashes between infiltrators and the Defence forces, in which one infiltrator was killed and three wounded. It has been announced. There were also a number of incidents during that period, such as illegal entry for grazing and tilling, and several cases of theft and various other thefts.

Israel Soccer XI Trims Cyprus 3-1

By IRIS K. RUSSELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sunday. — Israel's second-string football team defeated the Cypriot national team by 3 goals to 1 after a brilliant stadium before a crowd of about 8,000 spectators.
The first goal was scored by Cyprus during the first half of the game. The score at half-time was 1-0.

The referee, Felix Gokay, a professor at Ankara University, Turkey, was in the lead. The Cyprus national team, made up of Greek, Turkish and Armenian players, had never faced a national team on the home ground.

Bayar En Route Home

NAPLES, Sunday (UP). — Turkish President Celal Bayar sailed for home aboard the Turkish destroyer Gemelik tonight after a concentrated five hours of diplomatic harpings. The destroyer left the Bay of Naples dock and was followed by the escorting destroyer Gidibul.

Success in Turkish Trade Talks

Negotiations in Ankara for the renewal of the granting of import licences for Israel products and for broadening trade, have met with great success. It was officially learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The talks, conducted over several weeks in an "amiable" atmosphere, have resulted in an additional step to widening commercial relationships. It was stated.

A binding promise was given that Israel products to the value of nearly eight million Turkish Lira (about \$1.5m.) will be granted import licences and that Israel will purchase 30,000 tons of soft wheat, with an option on another 30,000 tons, in the framework of the existing "clearing" agreement.

Nasser Replaces Nagib As Egypt's Military Governor

Lebanese Leaders Call On Syrian Gov't

An official Lebanese delegation, led by Prime Minister Abdallah Yafi and including Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache, Defence Minister Magid Arslan, and Nassef Akkari, Director of the Prime Minister's Office, arrived in Damascus yesterday to offer congratulations to the new Syrian Government.

President Hafez Assad will entertain the visitors at a formal lunch. It is understood that Syrian-Lebanese economic relations will be discussed.

These include the new Minister of Defence, Dr. Marout Dawadibi, and the new Minister of Education, Dr. Munir Ajjari, both of whom are Professors of Law.

Amman, Sultan Pasha Atallah, the Syrian Druse leader, alleged that 20,000 Syrian troops had taken part in actions against the Druse in January.

The Druse leader presented King Hussein with a golden revolver in an audience at the royal palace, and later with his followers by road for Syria. (Damascus Radio)

Shishakly Observes Saudi Parade

About 50,000 Saudi Arabian troops paraded in the capital of Riyadh before King Saud, who was accompanied by two Arab exiles — Anemly Rashid Ali Kilany, hero of the Iraqi Revolution, and General Adib Shishakly of Syria.

The parade was staged on the occasion of the visit of a delegation of Arab states to the first Iraqi delegation to visit Saudi Arabia in a number of years. (NEABS)

US Planning Only 'Token' Aid to Arabs

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuters). — "The New York Times" reported today that the group of Congressmen who had proposed to the Arab States had been told that only "token" deliveries of arms had been considered.

The paper said in a Washington dispatch that these assurances were given at a closed meeting last Wednesday by Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, acting Secretary of State, and Mr. Henry Byroade, Under-Secretary.

The Congressmen understood that at present Iraq was the leading candidate among the Arab states for a grant of American arms, the "Times" stated.

It added: "The State Department officials assured the Congressmen that arms would be granted only upon a guarantee that they would not be used against Israel or would be given with a reaffirmation of the American-British-French declaration of 1950 upholding the status quo in the Middle East."

Turkish Concessions

The Grand National Assembly today approved by 266 votes to 17 a government bill permitting exploitation of Turkish oil resources by foreign countries.

President 'Not to Mix' in Politics

Mme. Nahas Guilty; Property Confiscated

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuters). — Madame Nahas, wife of ex-Wafdist Premier Mustafa Nahas, today was found guilty on graft charges by Egypt's Revolutionary Tribunal, and the bulk of her estimated LE100,000 worth of property was ordered to be confiscated.

Mme. Nahas, 44, was found guilty of using her influence while her husband was Prime Minister to enrich herself and her relatives. Interference in state affairs in 1950/51, and helping to manipulate the Alexandria cotton market.

Because of her ill health a prison sentence was waived. Two of her brothers, involved in the cotton market manipulations, were also to have their property confiscated.

Iraqi Premier Quits, To Form New Gov't

BAGHDAD, Sunday. — Dr. Fadi Jassbi, Prime Minister of Iraq, offered his resignation to King Faisal today, but was immediately asked to form a new Government.

Jassbi resigned because six members of his Cabinet were obliged under law to withdraw on March 17 as they had failed to be admitted to Parliament within the three months after their appointment.

It was believed that the new Cabinet would include members of Nuri el-Said's Constitutional Union Party, which holds a majority in the Chamber of Deputies. (Reuters, NEABS)

Alliances May Follow Visits Of Arab Kings to Pakistan

DACC, Sunday (Reuters). — Mohammed Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan, said last night that the possibility of forging alliances between Pakistan and certain Arab countries might be explored during the forthcoming visit of the Kings of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

King Faisal II of Iraq is expected in Karachi on March 12 and King Saud of Saudi Arabia on April 14. No date has yet been fixed for the visit of King Hussein of Jordan.

All agreed that President Nagib of Egypt is expected soon in Karachi.

Jordan Expected To Reply This Week

The Jordan Government is expected to reply this week to the U.N. Secretary-General's third request that it meet with Israel under Article 12 of the Armistice Agreement. The Jordan Cabinet discussed the matter yesterday.

It is understood that all Arab countries except Egypt have expressed their attitude to Jordan on the subject, and that they all identified themselves with her negative attitude. (ANA)

New Syrian Government Faces Constitutional Dilemma

DAMASCUS, Sunday. — The main topic of discussion in political circles here is how the new Cabinet proposes to emerge out of the present constitutional dilemma.

Precautionary Steps Taken in Khartoum

NEW ORDERED here today against possible violence. Barbed wire was placed around the Governor-General's residence. Military troops were placed in the city, and the Parliament, apparently in preparation for the opening of Parliament, postponed until Wednesday.

Forty-two persons, seized after the March 1 rioting in which some 30 were killed, were fined L.E.5 today.

Will Hays Dead
NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuters). — Will Hays, for over 20 years the "car" of film morals, died at his home in Sullivan, Indiana, today. He was 74.

Hays left President Harding's Cabinet to clean up film production in the 1920's. A former Republican National Chairman and Postmaster General, Hays spent 25 years in the movie censorship job.

Fate in Balance
The restoration of the Moslem Brotherhood had not yet been discussed, he added.
Prime Minister Nasser today told a Cairo newspaper that the members of the Revolution Council plan to give up their army posts and continue with arrangements for elections.

Asked about the status of the military junta after the announced elections, he said: "We have become politicians — and since the army must keep aloof from politics, we will give up our posts in the army."

The newspaper "Al Akhbar" reported today that Nasser had refused to accept the resignation of Major Salah Salem from his post as Minister of National Guidance.

The paper stated that Major Salem, who had led the campaign to discredit General Nagib during his three-day resignation from the presidency, had sent in his resignation and had remained away from the Council meeting, but had returned in accordance with Nasser's wishes.

A total of 41 Communist leaders and members have been detained throughout the country during the past 24 hours, and seven Communist printing presses were confiscated. (AFP, Reuters)

Political observers viewing the recent demonstrations as support for the new Government note that similar, equally enthusiastic demonstrations have been known under vastly different regimes. It is recalled that five years ago the same crowds which are hailing Atassi today hailed Husni Zaim as the country's saviour, while the parliamentary regime they then ousted is now being ushered in with jubilation.

Similarly, five years ago the army was at the height of its popularity for taking the political situation in hand; it is equally popular now for reverting to the old custom of keeping out of politics.

Interpreting this apparent volte face, observers point out that the people today are rebelling against the same conditions they were rebelling against in 1948. What they want now is the same as now — good, solid, progressive government — whether it is achieved by constitutional means or by breaking the constitution.

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